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and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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"BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT!"

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Late one afternoon in west Texas, more than 60 years ago, a lone cowboy rode across the prairie. Far ahead lay the west fork of the Brazos River, and the dim trail down that wooded stream led to the camp, which he must reach tonight. Soon he came across the freshly killed carcass of a two-year-old steer. Great, slashing cuts across the side proved that the beast had been killed by the attack of a panther, a mountain lion. The body was still warm. This was the work of a blood-thirsty killer, who killed for devilment and not just for food.

Soon the lone horseman rode into the wooded creek-bottom, found and followed the trail toward camp. The sun went down, and as dusk settled over the land, there came behind him the shrill scream of a panther. The tired horse quickened his step. Soon, to the right, and not far away, the wailing cry was heard again. The beast was circling ahead! A little later, and far ahead, somewhere near the trail, it seemed, came that dismal and blood-curdling cry. The cowboy was my father. He said that as he rode among the darkness of the trees, he knew that at any moment there might come hurtling upon him from some branch above, the clawing, killing body of the big cat. Panthers had been known to leap upon and kill a full-grown horse. With what relief he came to the camp-fire, the chuck wagon and his companions! Perhaps you have never been

Spilt Milk

J. CALVIN REID, Ph.D.

There is something very true in the well-known proverb, "It's no use crying over spilt milk."

So many of our sins cannot possibly be undone. "As the days go by, remember There are things you can't call back."

How careful we should be beforehand about our words and actions—"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

But there is also something very false in the proverb. "No use crying over spilt milk"—Try telling that story to Peter. "He was crying over spilt milk most certainly. His wild words of denial could never be unsaid, yet his soul was unspeakably softened and sweetened by the tears he shed. And thus his heart was made ready to receive the Divine forgiveness." (F. W. Boreham).

It comes to this: That which I cannot correct, I still can and must, as I value the peace of my soul, be forgiven for! And tear-dimmed eyes lifted to Heaven are sure to find God's rainbow of mercy as His love comes shining through. Perhaps this is what the Psalmist meant when he wrote: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Have I ever shed a tear over my past? Just how sorry am I for my sins?

"O ye tears, O ye tears! I am thankful that ye run; Though ye trickle in the darkness, ye shall glitter in the sun; The rainbow cannot shine if the rain refuse to fall, And the eyes that cannot weep are the saddest eyes of all."

—The United Presbyterian.

stalked by a blood-thirsty beast of prey. Nevertheless, dear friends, there is a wild beast on your trail. Swift and pitiless, retribution trails you. "Be sure your sin will find you out!"

The men of the tribes of Gad and Reuben coveted the fine prairie land which lay east of the Jordan River, and asked that they might have it for a possession. They promised faithfully that the men of their tribes would go armed before the nation to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan, until all the tribes should inherit their land. Moses agreed but said, "But if ye will not do so, ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out."

There are some things one can be sure about. One of them is, that God Himself in Heaven will see to it that sin will be brought to judgment. It is part of the nature of God to demand that sin be exposed and punished. If one sin in all God's universe can get by, then Satan has succeeded and God has failed, and God Himself would be torn from the throne of heaven. The exposure of sin is part of the very nature of God. It is one of the attributes of God, a part of His righteousness and holiness, that sin cannot get by. Sin must be brought to light, must be exposed, must be judged, must be punished! As certain as there is a God, your sin will find you out!

God has sown into all created things a demand for retribution on sin. When Cain killed his brother, Abel, God said, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth to me out of the ground" (Gen. 4:10). God said that Cain was cursed from the earth. The blood itself cried out for punishment upon Cain, and "henceforth when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee its strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth," said the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus rode in Jerusalem on the colt of an ass, some of the Pharisees from among the rejoicing, praising multitude, said unto Him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples" (Luke 19:39). But Jesus answered these men, saying, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40). The ground, the very stones, and all the creation of God, are set to see that sin is brought to judgment, and that justice be done! It cannot be meaningless, that the sun turned dark during the crucifixion, or that in Egypt water turned to blood, or that earthquakes, storms and such increase as long as man's wickedness continues on this earth. It is a law of God, a law of nature, an attribute of God Himself, that sin must be punished, must be brought to judgment! Be sure your sin will find you out!

Nothing is more clearly taught in God's Word than that fact. Again and again we are warned of the terrible effects of sin. We are told, "The way of the transgressor is hard" (Prov. 13:15). "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," says the Scripture (Ezek. 18:4). "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The "preacher" was right when he said, in Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

The word of God says, "Be sure your sin will find you out!"

But outside the Bible, you will experience on every hand the same plain and terrible fact. Sin has a way of coming to life. An old proverb of men says, "Murder will out." That old saying simply expresses the accumulated wisdom of the ages to the effect that, in man, in nature, in the justice of God, as in the Lord's written Word sin must be, and inevitably will be, brought to punishment. "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine." That is the reason that criminologists agree that there is no such thing as a "perfect crime." By that they mean that always there is some clue by which the criminal could be found out. Some cases are never solved, because human officers of the law and human instruments of justice are faulty, but inherent in men and nature certain natural tendencies inevitably point to the crime and the criminal. A finger-print, an unsuspected observer, or a guilty conscience, or circumstantial evidence, always point to the criminal. Naturally, as certain as there is a God in heaven, sin will be found out. Sin betrays itself. God is determined to bring it to justice. Even nature sides with God to point out the guilty sinner and the sinner's own conscience joins in the hue and cry to trail him like bloodhounds tracking down an escaped convict. Be sure your sin will find you out!

Sin Will Find You Out In Your Face

Sin leaves a trail, a slimy, hated, cruelly disfiguring trail. Sin leaves marks and brands. The very nature of sin is such it cannot remain hidden. So sin finds one out in his face.

The women of America spend millions of dollars a year on cosmetics. God bless the poor dears, they have to be beautiful. They long to be alluring, attractive, and lovely. And I do not altogether blame them. There is enough of ugliness in the world, and God Himself is the author of true beauty. But to me it seems a senseless and blind course, to cover up the face with cosmetics and let true beauty be stolen away by sin. God's Word says that a woman's beauty and adornment should be "that meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is of great price" (1 Peter 3:4). Worries, criticism, envyings, anger, lust and drink leave unmistakable marks on the faces of women. Many a time I have talked to some young girl, earnestly urging her to trust the Saviour, and she lingered and demurred, and postponed the question, until I could see that some evil thing was petted and hidden in the heart, some little secret desire, some sinful pleasure, that the girl clutched to her heart. Repeatedly I have asked this question, "Do you dance?" Then at times they have been startled and again and again the answer has been, "Yes, how did you know?" Of course I do not always know, but the dance is such a sensual, lustful thing, that it leaves certain marks on faces. Certain muscles about the mouth are enlarged, and the face is brutalized. Sin will find you out in your face.

Two women may go down the same street in a wicked city. One, a chaste and virtuous and Godly woman with a meek and quiet heart will go, respected and unmolested past a corner where loafers stand. Another woman or

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Chicago Incidents

"I HAVE LOST MY CHANCE—I AM TOO WICKED TO BE SAVED"

Freedom From Worry

By Mr. George Muller

PHIL. 4:6, 7

"Be careful for nothing;" that is, "Be anxious about nothing," no anxiety ought to be found in the believer. Great, many, and varied may be our trials, our afflictions, our difficulties, and yet there should be no anxiety under any circumstances, because we have a Father in heaven who is almighty, who loves His children as He loves His only begotten Son, and whose very joy and delight it is to succor and help them at all times and under all circumstances.

Therefore anxiety should not be found in the children of God, but we should attend to the exhortation given us in this verse: "Be anxious about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

Here notice particularly the following points:

1. "In everything," that is, not merely when the house is on fire, not merely when the beloved wife is dying, not merely when our children are on the brink of the grave, but in the smallest matters of life, bring everything before God, the little things, the very little things, what the world calls trifling things—everything—living in holy communion with our Heavenly Father, and with our precious Lord Jesus Christ all day long. And when we awake at night, by a kind of spiritual instinct again turning to Him, and speaking to Him, and bringing our various little matters before him in the sleepless night, the difficulties in connection with our family, our servants, our trade, our profession. Whatever tries us in any way, speak to the Lord about it. And in like manner, our joys, our easy days, speak to the Lord about them, and ask Him to help. Ask Him to help regarding everything.

2. "By prayer and supplication," taking the place of beggars, with earnestness, with perseverance, going on and waiting, waiting, waiting on God.

3. "With thanksgiving." We should at all times lay a good foundation with thanksgiving. If everything else were wanting, this is always present, that He has saved us from hell. Then, that He has given us His holy Word—His only begotten Son, His choicest gift—and the Holy Spirit. And therefore we have always abundant reason for thanksgiving. Oh, let us aim at this!

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." We shall have the peace of God. And this so great a blessing, so real a blessing, so precious a blessing, that it must be known experimentally to be entered into, for it passeth understanding. Oh, the peace of God, how exceedingly precious this blessing!

See therefore how we get this peace of God, through attending to this exhortation, that in everything, in the most minute affairs

At the close of the noon-day service in the Grand Opera House last Thursday one of those who came forward to see me at the close was a woman who was weeping profusely. She was brought to me by one of the workers, and she insisted, "It's no use, I have lost my chance. I have been blinded by sin and now God doesn't love me any more, and I can't be saved." She insisted that she was more wicked than others, that she had known she ought to be saved, had been deeply convicted, but that for six years she had been going headlong into sin. Whenever I would read her a promise of God she would say, "But I know how mean I have been, and you don't." The more I tried to comfort her with sweet assurance that God loved her and would forgive her, the more stubbornly she wept, and refused to believe them. Finally I changed my tactics and began to scold her emphatically. I said, "You are slandering God. You make out that God doesn't love you when He says in the Bible that He does. You are saying that God won't receive you when He says, 'Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.' You make Jesus Christ out to be a liar, for He said that 'Whosoever will, let him come and take the water of life freely.' Besides that you are contradicting the Bible itself. The Bible says, 'There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,' and you insist that you are different, that you are a worse sinner than others. That is just as bad a sin as saying that you are better than others, don't need saving. You are denying the Bible, slandering God, making Christ a liar." As I continued, instead of being angry, or hurt, she got so interested in what I was saying that she stopped crying. Soon the light began to come into her face. Finally when I said, "Are you going away from here still denying the Bible and slandering God, or are you going to believe what He has said and trust Him and be happy in His love?" she answered, as she wiped her eyes dry and smiled, "I am going to trust Him!" She seemed to go away happy, depending upon the Lord. And I praise the Lord that "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

Don't Forget Revival March 19 to April 2

We are looking forward to the coming of Rev. P. B. Chenault, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa, who will be with us in a revival in Dallas beginning March 19. Brother Chenault is a most lovable personality, a charming preacher of the gospel, a splendid soul-winner. We should be much in prayer for his ministry, in the revival services in Dallas.

Special music will be planned for every night, there will be house-to-house visitation with much prayer. May God save many souls.

of life, we let our requests, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, be known unto God. And further, that we seek to the utmost to avoid anxiety. O, let us lay these things to heart and the result will be, if we habitually walk in this spirit, we shall far more abundantly glorify God, than as yet we have done.

"Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out!"

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girl, who lives a fast life and perhaps has been in open and shameful sin, may come by the same corner to be greeted by sly looks, whispered remarks, and the approach of "mashers." Not only the clothes and the paint, but something in the bold glance, something in the hardened face, speaks unconsciously that she is a woman of sin!

The glassy eye, and the poker face of the banker, the set smile and effusive talk of the politician, the coarsened and reddened features of the alcoholic, and the morose countenance of the grumbler, all confirm what I am saying, that sin finds you out in your face. Sin leaves its mark, and don't ever think that you can get by with sin without its getting out on you. Your sin will find you out!

In Your Body, Too, Sin Will Find You Out

It seems almost beyond need of telling, that sin will find you out in your body. In your own body you will reap what you sow. How hardened, how blinded a man must be in order to sin! On Mother Eve, after her sin in the garden, was pronounced the curse, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children" (Gen. 3:16). It is no doubt because of sin that the age of the race has been cut down from eight or nine hundred years to threescore and ten. Sin finds man out in his body. Liquor brings hob-nailed liver and impaired resistance to disease. And venereal disease follows hard on the trail of the sexually impure.

Not long ago a doctor in the Insane Ward of Parkland Hospital, Dallas, said he would like to have a Bible, for his patients that were able to read it. I gladly gave him a good Scofield Reference Bible. He told me I might visit those patients as could talk to me and to whom I might be a comfort, but he said, "There are some of them that are past any helping." I replied that the gospel was good for the worst cases, but he replied, "But I'm talking about some whose brains are already partially destroyed by syphilis. They are beyond hearing the gospel, or understanding it, or making any decision," he said. What a fateful

reality it is that sin finds men out in their bodies!

Some years ago in a town in the panhandle of Texas, a poor crippled man sat in a wheel-chair on the sidewalk. A young man came by. The poor, helpless man called him, and said, "Young man, let me ask you a question: I have been in this wheel-chair, helpless, now for twenty years, unable to use my lower limbs, a victim of locomotor ataxia. Let me ask you a question. All this came because of fifteen minutes pleasure with a little Spanish girl down on the Mexican border. The question is, do you think it was worth it?" The young man never forgot the question. No, no! it was not worth it. Sin costs too much — it finds you out in your body.

Even a grumbling, ungrateful, critical disposition may lead to indigestion, to ulcerated stomach, even to cancer, many doctors think.

Many think that you can get by with sin. You may think that you can escape the wages of sin. You think that your sin will not find you out. You think that you will sin for a little while, and then turn away from sin, and feel no ill effects. But I warn you on the authority of God that your sin will find you out in your body!

Sin Will Find You Out In Character

Let no one think that sin stops in your face and body. Worse yet, sin becomes a part of the character of the man or woman that sins. The worst thing that drink does for the drinker, is not to weaken his resistance, to injure his lungs, nor cause cirrhosis of the liver. No, the man who drinks is not the same man he was before drinking. Liquor has taken hold of his character. Will-power is weakened, a habit "track" is made. Now he is likely to drink again, now he will seek the society of drinkers. A man is not the same after he drinks.

A girl dances for the first time. She tastes the thrill, the sex thrill that is the lure of the dance. The worst thing that has happened to her is something that takes place in her character. Part of her modesty is gone, that gentle, maidenly reserve given by God and fostered in a good home. There is a breakdown of some of the safe-guards of virtue. No girl is quite the same who dances or who goes further into indiscriminate sex pleasures.

When a man steals, or gambles, the worst result is not seen anywhere but in the character. Some moral fiber has been coarsened, the ideal has been broken down, the high standard has been lowered. The honest man has become a thief. The man who sins is a sinner, even when the sin is over. Sin finds you out in your character.

Today at the close of the noon-day theatre meeting, a man came in all broken up, to ask for prayer. Whiskey smelled strong on his breath. His wife had left him. He lost his job just before Christmas. Now, to his shame and horror, he finds that he cannot leave liquor alone, unless God in His mercy intervenes. Other things the harm caused by booze could be overcome. The mistakes may be repaired without so much trouble. Let him be sober and prove himself strong and upright and kind and true, and doubtless his wife who loves him will return. Let him prove himself a reliable and trustworthy employee and he can find a job, perhaps the same job. But in the way of all this there is the simple fact that his character has been woefully damaged. He is not the man that his wife married and loved. He is not the sober, intelligent, reliable employee; he held his job long and did good work. The wages of sin is death, death to the body, of course, but death also to character. Your sin will find you out in your character. That is one of the horrible things about sin, that sin becomes a part of the sinner, sin fastens itself on, soaks through the tissues of one's being. The man that sins becomes its servant, a slave of sin. One who sins becomes simply a sinner, and cannot leave sin alone, except for divine deliverance.

Sin Will Find You Out In Your Children

"T the Lord thy God am a

jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, even unto the third and fourth generations," says the Lord in Exodus 20:5. The sins of the father are visited upon the children. Oftentimes the innocent suffer with the guilty. But what God says is that when fathers sin, then children follow them in sin. The iniquities of the fathers will be visited upon the children.

When David's baby died, he got himself up off the floor, washed himself and anointed his head, and went down to a hearty meal. Doubtless David sighed, and said, "Well, it's too bad. I'm sorry I sinned, but the whole thing is over now." David, do you think it is all over? Do you think a man can take another man's wife, can murder her husband, and then the whole matter be over so easily? David went to Bathsheba and comforted her, and God gave them another baby, the beloved Solomon. But David is not through with sin yet. He will reap it in his children.

Amnon, David's young son, was a wild and reckless young fellow. No doubt he was greatly influenced by what he knew about his father's sin. He saw and loved his fair half-sister, Tamar, a lovely girl. He had her brought to his room on a pretext of sickness, and there ruined her. As she went away home weeping, dirt upon her head, her full brother, Absalom, met her. He took her to his own home, but in his heart there burned a hot fire of vengeance. One day he made a party, a banquet, for the king's sons. He instructed his own servants that when Amnon had been drinking and his heart was merry, and he would say the words, "Smite Amnon!" that they were to kill the young prince who had raped his half-sister, Absalom's own sister. So Amnon died. Absalom was banished for a time, and when he came back could not see David's face. But David was not done with his sin yet. Soon Absalom won the hearts of the people, the great rebellion came. David ran for his life, mocked and hated. Later, in the decisive battle, he entreated, "Deal gently with the young man Absalom, for my sake." They found Absalom with his hair caught in the branches of an oak. They killed him with darts, and buried him deep beneath the piled-up stones in a canyon. When David inquired about Absalom, the messenger said, "May all the enemies of my Lord the king be as that young man is today." If you want to know that your sins will find you out, watch poor broken-hearted David, as he climbs the steps of the gate tower, crying out, "Oh, Absalom, Absalom, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, Absalom, my son!" I tell you, sin does not pay! Your sin will find you out in your children.

When my first baby was born, I was much interested when I saw the doctor and nurse dropping some antiseptic solution in each eye of the new-born baby. I said to the doctor, "Doctor, you don't need to do that with my baby, thank God!" But he, an old friend of the family, said, "I know that, John, but the state law requires that every new-born baby must have an antiseptic, equal to 1 per cent silver nitrate solution, dropped in each eye." Then I learned that sixty per cent (six out of every ten, sixty out of every hundred) of children blind from birth, are blind infected by the mother at birth, infected with venereal disease and blinded on account of the sins of fathers or mothers. Sin is always horrible, but how horrible it is when it comes to light in our beloved children! Some one has said that one who has children has given hostages to fortune.

I warn you now, every man or woman who has children, every young person who expects to have, you had better beware of sin. That hateful, awful, hellish, tragic thing will find you out in your children!

Children sin like their fathers. Sons walk in their fathers' footsteps. Girls turn out to be like their mothers were. The sin over which you grieve and which you despise, may be the very pattern that your children will follow after. As certain as there is a God in heaven, your sin will find you out!

In A Burning, Remorse-Stricken Conscience, Sin Will Find You Out

Some people seem as if con-

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PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING

By Lola Mae Bradshaw

The Executive Committee on the building of the Fundamental Baptist Church report that the work has begun of tearing down the old walls that cannot be used in the new building and the brick are being cleaned. Mr. D. D. Swindle, architect, expects to have the plans completed this week, so that in a week or ten days we can start construction of the new walls.

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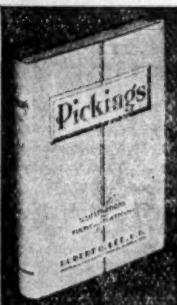
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as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

A man came about the same time and very quietly trusted Christ as his Saviour.

Another case which gave me a great deal of joy was a young man, about twenty, who came forward to meet me at the close of the service, at the theatre meetings, in the Loop. I saw someone had been speaking to him about his soul, and when I spoke to him about it he said, "But we have a different religion from yours. I am just a visitor here." I replied, "Well, we have the same God, don't we—there's only one God?" "Yes," he said, "we have the same God. There is only one God."

"And there is only one Saviour, Jesus Christ. We would have to have the same Saviour if we have any at all," I said, and to this he agreed.

"And we have the same Bible. There is only one Bible, the Word of God. Do you believe that?" He said that he did believe it.

"Christ died for sinners, too. That is clearly taught in the Bible. Don't you believe it?" I said. And he answered, "Yes, I believe He did die for sinners."

"And you are a sinner, too, aren't you? The Bible says that all have sinned, that there is no difference." He soon admitted that he was a sinner.

Then I made clear that what I wanted him to do was openly and boldly trust Christ as His Saviour, and claim Him as Lord, and go away to live the rest of his life on Jesus' side. All his prejudice was gone, and he who came in to visit and see what was going on at the theatre, though he was not accustomed to evangelistic services, there trusted Christ as his Saviour. He told me that he would go home and tell his mother that he was a Christian. I got a great deal of joy out of this case.

"I Am From the South, Too"

Southerners who get into the North often long for someone else who knows the good old southern ways. A young man came to meet me at the meeting the other day, saying, "I'm from the South, too. I wanted to meet you." He was from Tennessee and I from Texas, but he felt the kinship of the South. I found that he was a member of a church, but he said that he had never been born again, and knew nothing about it. We read together a part of the third chapter of John, and in just a little bit of time he very happily trusted the Lord as his Saviour. Although he was a church member he had never made a profession of faith, had never known what it was to be born again, had never trusted Christ for salvation.

"I Have Made Lots of Money, But It Didn't Do Me Any Good"

Last Saturday night we didn't have services in the revival at Salem Evangelical Free Church, where I am preaching regularly. So Brother Gately, the Superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission, asked me to come down and speak at the services there. It was a Saturday night service for Christians, with many testimonies, happy praises, special music, and fellowship, and I preached to Christians on Romans 12:1 and 2, the verses that were the text of the preacher there 18 years ago this spring, when I surrendered to preach. But in the audience were two unsaved young men, and a backslider. The backslider came back to God, found peace and assurance again at the altar. The two unsaved young men would not come during the invitation, but insisted that they wanted to talk to me privately at the close of the service. So when the service was done they came forward and we had a long conversation. One was twenty-eight years old, from Massachusetts, and the other eighteen years old, from New York City. The young man twenty-eight years old was an aviator. He had flown in South America, experimented with rocket ships in New Mexico. He said, "I made lots of money, but it didn't do me any good. I have been restless and unsatisfied. I have flown many thousands of miles, and been in accidents, but have never had more than minor injuries. God certainly has been

"Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out!"

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science were dead. There are men who laugh at their mother's prayers, who curse in the faces of their wives, and who scoff at all thought of heaven and Christ and the gospel. Some seem to have no sense of sin. It may not seem likely, but I tell you it is true—sin will find you out in your conscience. That little spark of celestial fire called conscience, which God put in your breast to be a monitor of good, one day that conscience will come to life and will be like maggots of remorse to gnaw, unceasingly and pitilessly, into your soul!

I remember reading in a newspaper clipping several years ago, how in a western state, Idaho, or Montana, a cattle man and business man went to a United States Marshal's office, and said, "I have come to give myself up—I am wanted for murder." The astonished marshal would not believe him. The man was a well-known citizen, well-known and respected, with a fine family. He was known to be honest and upright in his dealings. He had accumulated property and a good name. Yet he insisted he was a murderer. On his insistence, the official wired back to Vermont, where 23 years before, the poor man said, he had been guilty of murder. He had fled

good to me, and I wasn't even grateful for it. I thought nothing about it. But now I see that what I have been hungry for is for the Lord Jesus Christ. If I had peace in my heart I could settle down somewhere and be happy and do a good work. Maybe He would let me preach for Him. All the money I made has not done me any good. My mother thought that if I would come home I would have peace of mind, but I couldn't have satisfaction anywhere. I'm 'busted' now, but I don't want help. If I can get this thing settled in my heart, and have peace, I am going to get work."

We turned to the third chapter of John, which God has used to bring

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the light to so many souls, and there I showed him verse after verse of how one must be born again, how one obtains the new birth by simply trusting Jesus Christ for forgiveness. The eighteen-year-old boy by his side listened attentively and it wasn't long until both were ready to pray. I prayed, and then each of them prayed this prayer, "God be merciful to me, a sinner, and forgive my sins." They each claimed the Saviour there in the presence of witnesses. I believe they both were

soundly converted. May God care for them and send them to a place to learn the Word of God and where they may be led into rich Christian experience.

"I Am One of Your Converts When You Were at the Tabernacle Seven Years Ago"

These are the words that a fine, gentle-faced woman said to me the other night at the close of the service at Salem Evangelical Free Church. She said, "It was on May 18, 1932, that you won me to Christ, when you were in a revival at the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle." Praise the Lord! That is part of

the pay He gives us for winning souls! Many were saved at that time and the fruits live on and on. That gives us a taste of the blessed promise of God, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). And again, "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). If we can get such joy now, out of meeting one of those we had the joy of leading to Christ, what will heaven be like!

Work in Chicago is attended with many difficulties. There are many racial groups, people with every kind of religious beliefs. For instance, I have received one long letter and a post card from an atheist who greatly resents my preaching. At the noon-day services yesterday was a Jew violently opposed to the gospel. Also there was an old man who mocked at the close of the service, an out and out scoffer. There has been much great preaching here and the blessed influence of Moody Bible Institute, the Christian Business Men's daily services, and of a few fine churches has been blessed. The noon-day services at the Theatre, (broadcast over WJJD from 12:30 to 1:15) naturally get a good many hard cases from down town Chicago. But, praise the Lord, almost daily some have trusted the Lord. Mrs. Rice spoke to one man as he left the theatre, during the invitation, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes, I believe I am," he said. "How long have you been saved?" she asked him, and he replied, "I believe I settled it while that man was preaching," he said. He hurried away saying, "I cannot go forward now, for I have to go to work, but I do really trust Christ." He was a nicely dressed business man. We will never know till we get to heaven how many have really been blessed by the messages we preach.

At the Salem Evangelical Free Church, we had a fine day Sunday. A woman and a man came forward to claim Christ Sunday morning, and Sunday night there were four or five, I believe all together. We have not had large numbers of lost people at the services, particularly on week nights, although there have been a number of professions of faith. There is enough failure to grieve about, and enough victory and joy to praise the Lord for. We trust that this week God will give a great revival.

This is the second week of meetings in the theatre down in the Loop, at noon, under the auspices of the Christian Business Men's Committee. This week I was to preach on WMBI, the Moody Bible Institute radio station, at the noon-hour broadcast. However, the Christian Business Men's speaker for the next week, my dear Brother Chenault from Waterloo, Iowa, is sick in bed with the "flu," and has phoned, long-distance, that he cannot come. They asked me to stay for another week, and Mr. Wendell P. Loveless, radio director of WMBI, has kindly consented. He agreed that it would be easier to fill the place for the radio service alone than for the big theatre meetings down-town, so I am, through Friday of this week, with the Christian Business Men's Committee. The fellowship has been delightful and I understand the mail response has been very good.

We have been made happy by visitors from far and near. Dr. Clappison, of Toronto, Canada, was in the service last night. He reads *The Sword of the Lord*. Mr. and Mrs. Berg, from Galesburg, Illinois, were with us Sunday morning in the services at Salem Church. They heard me on the radio when I was in Waterloo, Iowa, last August, and attended the tent revival there several times. We ask that readers pray for their little girl, who has been seriously ill. It was a joy to be with them in the services. Another young man from Traer, Iowa, has been in the services often. And a good many friends from Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, founded by Paul Rader, have attended.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Rice, Grace and baby Joy and I went to the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle to hear Edwin Orr, the famous young Irish evangelist, author of "Can God?" and other books. I was called to the platform, introduced cordially to the people, and met many friends. Brother Erickson has done a splendid work, and mul-

titudes have been saved under his ministry. The great tabernacle, seating thousands, has been bought back, having been sold under bankruptcy years ago. They have a daily radio service.

Monday morning it was my privilege to speak to the Illinois Fundamental Ministers Association which had its meeting in Chicago. The fellowship was sweet, and I was grateful for the kind invitation of the president, Dr. William Studer, and for the kindly reception of these good preachers.

Here in Chicago I have received a number of invitations for revival services. I realize, however, that what is needed mostly is not simply engagements for revivals, but a special endowment of the power of the Holy Spirit, wisdom and power from heaven. I covet the prayers of readers of *The Sword of the Lord*, that God will fill me with the Holy Ghost, that I will go only where He leads, and preach only under the power of the Holy Spirit.

At Waterloo, Iowa, Three Days

Saturday night pastor Robert J. Wells of the Burton Avenue Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa, called me long distance urging that we come by Waterloo to speak for three nights, before returning to Dallas. To that we tentatively agreed, and it now seems the Lord's leading to leave Chicago Monday morning, speak Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at Waterloo, and arrive in Dallas Friday night, February 24.

We praise the Lord that things are going well in Dallas. We commit the work there to the hands of our loving Saviour, and trust He will bless the ministry of Bro. Joe Rice in the pastor's absence. Word comes of three conversions last Sunday in Dallas.

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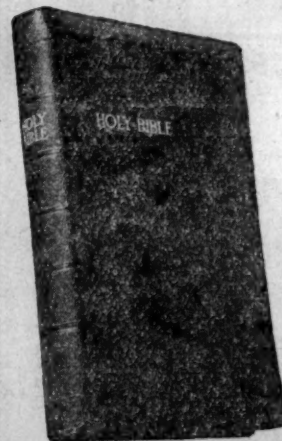
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